

Censorship and Responsibility

Introductory lecture



- Censorship is everywhere
 - How does censorship occur?
 - Who censors?
 - Who is censored?
 - How is censorship monitored?
 - Why censor?





- Censorship *is* Responsibility
 - Individual responsible for another individual/group and prevents them from seeing/hearing/reading/creating/saying
 - Government responsible for individuals/groups and prevents them from seeing/hearing/reading/creating/saying
 - Individual responsible for self and prevents self from seeing/hearing/reading/creating/saying
 - Individual responsible for others and prevents self from seeing/hearing/reading/creating/saying



- To what extent can/should an individual or government **restrict an individual's freedom** to create/say/do something?



- HUMS3001
 - Weeks 3-7: Theorise a response to the big question
 - Weeks 8-12: Apply your theory in the “real” world



- The nature of the course:
 - Your theories will be controversial
 - Your applications will be contentious



- What to expect:
 - Your position on these issues will change and change again
 - You will discuss these issues with people who disagree with you
 - You will feel motivated to find ways to adjust and complicate your position
 - You will become a better researcher / writer / student / employee the more time you spend on this course



- Blended Learning (the wiki):
 - Builds confidence in relative anonymity
 - Provides safety for controversial opinions
 - Develops collegial / communal spirit
 - Allows for adjustment to opinions
 - Practical collaborative skills for education and the workplace



- Blended Learning (the classroom):
 - Builds trust / respect
 - Real foundation for the course (time and community)
 - Provides direction (chance to evaluate what's been done and needs doing)
 - Opportunity for feedback
 - Different but important skills for education and workplace (oral communication and practical teamwork)



- Course Wiki address:
 - <http://hums3001.unsw.wikispaces.net>
 - Anyone can see pages, only members can edit, only Ben can create pages



- Ben Miller
 - Webster room 311B (sharing with Gay Hawkins)
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- ALL week 3 tutorials are in the computer labs on level 1 of Webster, room 136.